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YEAR 1953

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THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LITHERLAND

Town Hall,
Litherland,
Liverpool, 21.
September, 1954

To The Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

LADY/GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting herewith my Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the district for the year ending 31st December, 1953.

I would like to comment on one or two facts which have emerged and which I think are worthy of note.

The infant mortality rate in Litherland in 1953 increased to 32 infant deaths per 1,000 live births as opposed to 24 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 1952.

There was not a single case of diphtheria notified during the year and no deaths from scarlet fever or measles, and only one death from whooping cough during 1953.

The number of notifications of pulmonary tuberculosis during the year was 47, this was two higher than the previous year. The notification rate of Pulmonary Tuberculosis has fluctuated over the past few years, and there has been no downward trend as has been seen in the non-Pulmonary rate.

Improved housing and the relief of overcrowding will certainly reduce the number of cases of tuberculosis in the district.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Staff of the Department for their help and the members of the Health Committee for their sustained interest in the health of the district.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. HAILWOOD,

Medical Officer of Health.

PARTICULARS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1953.

1.—Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area in acres	•••	• • •	• • •	818
Population—Census, 1951	• • •	• • •	•••	22,197
-Estimated, Mid 1953	•••	• • •	• • •	22,560
No. of inhabitated houses (Census, 1951)	•••	• • •	•••	5,858
No. of inhabitated houses on Rate Books,	Dec. 1	.953	• • •	6,073
Rateable Value	• • •	•••	•••	£137,997
General Rate, 1952/53	•••	• • •	•••	22/8d.
Sum represented by a penny rate	•••	•••	•••	£538

There is no special report to make on the influence of any particular occupation on public health.

UNEMPLOYMENT.—There are no separate figures at the Labour Exchange as to the extent of the unemployment in the district.

BIRTHS.

The number of children born in the district during 1953 was 403; 185 males and 218 females. This gives a Birth Rate of 17.9, adjusted 15.5.

DEATHS.

The total number of deaths during the year 1953 was 194; 92 males and 102 females. This gives a crude Death Rate of 8.6, adjusted 10.6. 89 deaths of Litherland residents occurred outside the district.

INFANTILE MORTALITY

During the year 13 children died who, at the time of their death, had not reached the age of one year, 11 of these died in the first 4 weeks of life.

ZYMOTIC DEATHS.

During the year, there was one death from Whooping Cough, no deaths from Diphtheria, no deaths from Measles, and no deaths from Meningococcal infection.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Home population—Registrar General's estimate, mid 1953, 22,560

COMPARABILITY FACTORS.

	0.8	37		I	Deaths	1.	23
Live Births—		6.5		Still Births—			
6 % 6		M.	F.			M.	F.
Total	• • •	185	218	Total	• • •	8	3
Legitimate	• • •	178	206	Legitimate	• • •	7	3
Illegitimate	• • •	7	12	Illegitimate	• • •	1	
Deaths of Infar		ler on	e year	Deaths of Infar weeks of a		der fo	ur
Deaths of Infar			e year F.	Deaths of Infar weeks of a		der fo M.	
			v				
year of age	·	M.	F.	weeks of a	ge—	М.	F.

LITHERLAND U.D.C.

	Rate per 1,000 live births.	27	16	20	7	1	1
rtality No. Motor	No. of deaths regis- tered.		9	÷ ∞	3	:	:
Infant Mortality	•	32	24	30	6	45	36
	3ate per 1,000 live births.	•	5		•		
Total	No. of deaths registered.	13	6 :	12	∞	20	17
ortality	Rate per 1,000 total births.	N. I.S.	N.	EZ	Ei	N. I.	2.08
Maternal Mortality	No. of F deaths regis- tered.	:: IZ	:: IZ	: EZ	: EZ	:: II'N	:
Ma		:	:	<i>Z</i> :	Z :	Z :	•
Stillbirths.	Rate per 1,000 total births.	27	10	17	23	16	14
Sti	No. regis- tered.	=======================================	4.	7	. 01	7 .	7
ll causes).	No. Rate per regis- 1,000 tered. popula-tion.	8.6	 8.8 * 	*10.8	9.5	9.3	9.3
Deaths (a	No. regis- tered.	194		240	217	209	207
Live Births.	Rate per 1,000 population.	403 17.9	*17.0 197	*17.8	421 18.4 217	19.6	21.3
Live	No, regis- tered.	403	381	395	421	440	472
		1953	1952	1951	1950	1948	1948
		Year	33	55	55	\$5	33

*Adjusted—Live birth-rate (comparability factor, 0.87) — 15.5 per 1,000.

Death-rate (comparability factor, 1.23) — 10.6 per 1,000.

			-			1		-	-	-	-	-	-		-				Under	
Age at date of Inoculation	18	17	16 1937	15	14 1939	13	12 1941	11	10	9	8 1945	7 1946	6 1947	5 1948	4 1949	3 1950	2 1951	1 1952	1 1953	Total
Under 1 year		1	I		I	-	П	1	23	7	2	2	168	17	134	148	150	121	135	
1-2 years	11	9	2	5	6	14	44	118	144	115	209	189	118	262	181	108	137	86	134	\$
2-3 ,,,	21	5	6	10	9	21	37	96	51	23	31	41	37	32	Ξ	29	17	18	26	five
3-4 ,,,	22	6	∞	_		23	30	98	55	10	702	15	12	7	11	17	18	9	6	years 1248
4-5 ,,,	30	10	12	16	10	56	31	63	59	7	11	6	7	10	10	10	13	4	7	
2-6 "	47	38	29	30	31	63	26	55	35	2	19	2	72	9	12	44	38	16	41	
6-7	51	17	16	29	14	35	41	46	38	1	19	11	3	∞	11	41	28	17	32	0
7-8 ,,	41	24	14	13	10	11	27	22	30	7	12	2	1	2	13	30	16	4	11	years
8-9	40	40	6	6	16	16	24	14	25	9	∞	3	2	1	10	782	34	1	∞	1711
9-10 ,,	36	31	18	12	12	6	19	16	24	33	7	2	1		12	23	27	2	2	
10-11 ,,	55	41	6	∞	6	11	21	6	25	∞	5	72	1	Н	7	23	15	5		
11-12 ,,	30	37	6	3	4	9	18	∞	6	2	∞	4		I	1	13	24	1	-	7
12-13 "	21	21	4	4	2	6	6	13	∞	1	2	7	П	<u>!</u>		8	111	1	-	10-15 years 1520
13-14 ,,	11	14	7	9	-	6	∞		∞	-	-	60	1			5	8	l	1	9661
14-15 ,,	1	П	1	1	1	1	-	1			1	П	1	1	1	3	5	1	1	
15 yrs & over		1	I	1		-				1	1			1	l	2	2	1	2	Over
Agenotknown	ı	I	1	I	1	1	1	1			ı	ı	1	ı		1		I		2059
Totals	416	294	146	146	135	255	370	547	534	196	354	296	354	346	412	527	543	293	409	6573

Causes of Death in Litherland Urban District, 1953.

As supplied by General Register Office, Somerset House.

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	Causes of Death.				M.		F.
					92		102
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	• • •	•••	• • •	6	• • •	3
2.	Other Tuberculosis Disease	es	• • •	• • •		• • •	
3.	Syphilitic disease	• • •	• • •	• • •	1	• • •	_
4.	Diphtheria	• • •	•••	• • •		• • •	-
5.	Whooping cough	• • •	• • •	• • •	-	• • •	1
6.	Meningococcal infections	• • •	• • •	• • •		• • •	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	• • •	• • •	• • •		• • •	_
8.	Measles	• • •	• • •	• • •		• • •	
9.	Other infective and parasit	ic disea	ises	• • •		• • •	
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stoma	ach	• • •	• • •	4	• • •	5
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung	bronch	us	• • •	4	• • •	2
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breas	t	• • •	• • •		• • •	5
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uteru	.s	• • •	• • •		• • •	
14.	Other malignant and lympl	hatic no	eoplas	sms	11	• • •	7
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	• • •	• • •	• • •		• • •	2
16.	Diabetes	• • •	• • •	• • •	-	• • •	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous	systen	n	• • •	8	• • •	19
18.	Coronary diseases, angina	• • •	• • •	• • •	15	• • •	10
19.	Hypertension, with heart d	lisease	• • •	• • •	3	• • •	2
20.	Other heart disease	• • •	• • •	• • •	8	• • •	17
21.	Other circulatory disease	• • •	• • •	• • •	4	• • •	2
22.	Influenza	• • •	• • •	• • •		• • •	
23.	Pneumonia	• • •	• • •	• • •	2	• • •	4
24.	Bronchitis	• • •	• • •	• • •	3	• • •	4
25.	Other diseases of respirator	ry syste	m	• • •	-		
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duod	lenum	• • •	• • •	1	• • •	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diar	rhoea	• • •	• • •	(Charles and Charles)	• • •	****************
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	• • •	• • •	• • •	1	• • •	3
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	• • •	• • •	• • •	3	• • •	
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth and	abortio:	n	• • •	-	• • •	-
31.	Congenital malformations	• • •	• • •	• • •	1	• • •	3
3 2.	Other defined and ill-define	ed dise	ases	• • •	9	• • •	10
33 .	Motor vehicle accidents	• • •	• • •	• • •	1	• • •	-
34.	All other accidents	• • •	• • •	• • •	3	• • •	2
35.	Suicide	• • •	• • •		4	• • •	
36.	Homicide and operations o	f war	• • •	• • •	-	• • •	
	-	All cau	ises	• • •	92	•••	102
				* * *		* * *	- 7 -

Birth Rates, Death Rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality, and Case Rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the Year 1953.

(Provisional Figures based on Quarterly Returns)

(Provisional	Figures bas	ed on Quar	terly Return	is.)
	England and Wales.	160 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London.	160 Smaller Towns (Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1951 Census).	London. Adminis- trative County.
	Rat	es per 1,000 F	Iome Populati	on.
Births— Live Births Still Births	15.5 0.35 22.4 (a)	17.0 0.43 24.8 (a)	15.7 0.34 21.4 (a)	17.5 0.38 21.0 (a)
All Causes Typhoid & Paratyphoid Whooping Cough Diphtheria Tuberculosis Influenza Smallpox	11.4 0.00 0.01 0.00 0.20 0.16 0.00	12.2 0.00 0.01 0.00 0.24 0.15 0.00	11.3 0.00 0.00 0.19 0.17 0.00	0.00 0.24 0.15
Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis) Pneumonia	0 01 0.55	0.01 0.59	0.01 0.52	0.01 0.64
Notifications—(Corrected) Typhoid Fever Paratyphoid Fever Meningococcal Infection Scarlet Fever Whooping Cough Diphtheria Erysipelas Smallpox Measles Pneumonia Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis)	0.00 0.01 0.03 1.39 3.58 0.01 0.14 0.00 12 36 0.84	0.00 0.01 0.04 1 50 3.72 0.01 0.14 0 00 11.27 0.92	0.00 0.01 0.03 1.44 3.38 0.01 0.13 0.00 12.32 0.76	0.01 0.01 0.03 1.02 3.30 0.00 0.12 — 8 09 0.73
Paralytic Non-Paralytic Food Poisoning Puerperal pyrexia Deaths—All causes under 1 year of age	0.07 0.04 0.24 18.23 (a) 26.8 (b)	0.06 0 03 0.25 24.33 (a) Rates per 10 30.8	0.06 0.04 0.24 12.46 (a) 00 Live Births 24.3	0.07 0.03 0.38 28.61 (a)
Enteritis and Diarrhoea under 2 years of age	1.1	1.3	0.9	1.1

Maternal Mortality in England and Wales.

Intermediate List No. and cause	Number of Deaths		Rates per million women aged 15-44
A115 Sepsis of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	68	0.10 0.01	1
A116 Other toxaemias of pregnancy and the puerperium A117 Haemorrhage of pregnancy and childbirth	166	0.24 0.13	
A118 Abortion without mention of sepsis or toxaemia	30	0.04 0.06	3 4
A120 Other complications of pregnancy, child-birth and the puerperium	125	0.18	

⁽a) Per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births.(b) Per 1,000 related live births.

2.—General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

HOSPITALS.

There are no hospitals in the district. Infectious diseases are admitted to Hospitals in Liverpool. General Medical and General Surgical cases are removed to the General Hospitals of Liverpool, Bootle, Waterloo and Alder Hey. Children are admitted to the Liverpool Childrens Hospital also to Alder Hey Hospital.

TUBERCULOSIS.

This work is administered by the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board, the Tuberculosis Dispensary being situated at "Ellesmere," Crosby Road North, Waterloo. Home visiting of patients is carried out by nurses under the supervision of the Lancashire County Council, working from the above Dispensary.

VENEREAL DISEASES.

Patients make their own arrangements with the Liverpool Hospitals.

MATERNITY.

There is no Maternity Hospital in the district, but the Liverpool and Ormskirk Hospitals are available.

MIDWIVES.

There are two Midwives on the County Council Register and practising in the district.

MATERNITY MORTALITY.

No special arrangements have been made for the investigation of maternal deaths, and cases of Puerperal Fever or Puerperal Pyrexia; this work is carried out by the Lancashire County Council.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

No action has been necessary under the above Act during the year.

CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

This work is administered by the Lancashire County Council. The Clinics are situated at 32 Linacre Road and Sefton Avenue, Litherland, and provide for:—

HEALTH VISITORS, SCHOOL NURSES.

There are four nurses employed in these duties, visiting homes and schools, as well as attending the welfare clinics.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE Sefton Avenue, Litherland.

ANTE-NATAL ... Sefton Avenue, Litherland.

SCHOOL CLINICS—

Dental 32 Linacre Road, Litherland.
Ophthalmic 32 Linacre Road, Litherland.
Minor Ailments ... 32 Linacre Road, Litherland.
Orthopaedic ... Sefton Avenue, Litherland.
Speech Therapy ... Sefton Avenue, Litherland.

A Day Nursery was opened on April 10th, 1943, to accommodate 50 children. It has proved a success and met a wartime need of some urgency. Consequently, an extension was opened on the 21st June, 1944, for 40 children. The Nursery is open from Monday to Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children of the age of 12 months to 5 years are accepted. This nursery is administered by the County Council.

Professional Nursing in the Home.

Two District Nurses visit on request of the Medical Practitioners by arrangement. This service is administered by the County Council.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE.

This service is administered by the County Council, and Home Helps can be obtained in cases of illness on application to the Divisional Medical Officer or through the Litherland Health Department.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Ambulance Services are provided by the Lancashire County Council from Depots in Crosby and Ormskirk.

PATHOLOGICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

Sputum.—These specimens are sent direct to Lancashire County Council Tuberculosis Dispensary, by Medical Practitioners.

Blood, Throat Swabs, etc—Sent direct by Medical Practitioners to Liverpool University, Bacteriological Department.

Milk.—Eleven samples were submitted to Liverpool University, also nine samples of Ice Cream.

3.—Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply is obtained from the City of Liverpool; the chief source is Lake Vyrnwy in Wales. The water is excellent in quality, and there is a constant supply for all purposes. The number of houses supplied direct from the public mains is approximately 6,073. There has been no analysis during the year; this work is carried out by Liverpool Corporation. Complaints of discolouration and sediment were reported to Liverpool Corporation and received prompt attention. The whole of the dwelling-houses are supplied from the public water mains direct to the houses.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE.

The sewage (which is dealt with on the combined system) is discharged without treatment into the Rimrose Brook and finally into the River Mersey.

The second portion of the Rimrose Brook Drainage Scheme now in progress, has considerably diminished the flooding in the lower lying part of the district.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

No action has been necessary to check pollution of rivers and streams and no new works have been established to cause pollution.

Closet accommodation at the end of 1953:—

No. of Houses on the Water carriage system ... 6,073

SCAVENGING.

This work is carried out by the Sanitary Department, under the supervision of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, and is working satisfactorily. Refuse is conveyed by motor vehicles to the Council's tips, situated in Beach Road, Litherland. The fleet comprises two "Paxit" and one "Low Loader."

SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING 1953.

No. of premises visite	d	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	2,291
Defects or Nuisances-	_					
No. discovered	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	1,598
No. abated	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	1,460
No. of Notices served						
Informal	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	1,836
Abatement	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	Nil
Legal Proceedings	• • •		• • •	• • •	• • •	Nil

Offices and Shops Act, 1950.

No statutory action has been necessary; sanitary defects, and improvements have been carried out as required, hot water supplies have been installed etc.

CAMPING SITES.

There were no licences issued for camping sites during the year.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are no Swimming Baths or Pools within the District.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Thirty houses were disinfested during the for bed bugs, by means of spraying with D.D.T. in Zaldecide and sulphur candles. One Hundred and Sixty-Eight houses were disinfected for cockroaches, fleas, ants and earwigs.

Complaints of snails in the back passages between the houses were treated with salt satisfactorily.

Schools.

The sanitary condition and the water supply of the schools in the district is generally satisfactory. The schools have been disinfected after the holidays. There was no closing of schools as a result of infection during the year. Two new schools have been opened.

Premises and Occupations which can be Controlled by Byelaws or Regulations.

There are no Common Lodging Houses; Houses let in Lodgings; Tents, Vans or Sheds, or Underground Sleeping Rooms in the district.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There are three Tanneries and nine Fish and Chip Potato premises in the district; these are inspected from time to time.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

There are now no Slaughter houses in the district, the only one, which was a Private registered Slaughter house, closed down at the end of the year.

THE RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

There are no premises in the district in which Rag Flock is manufactured or sold.

CANAL BOATS.

There are no canal boats used as permanent residences in the district.

4.—Housing.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1953.

There were 108 houses and 38 flats built during the year by the Council, and 17 permanent houses by other bodies.

Demolition Orders were made on thirteen houses during the year. HOUSING APPLICATION FORMS, 1953.

Housing Application Forms for Council houses are continually being received, both from inside and outside the district.

The number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year was 58, and 102 cases of overcrowding have been relieved during the year. The number of persons concerned in these cases was 461. There is still a serious shortage of houses for all classes of people in the district.

5.—Inspection and Supervision of Food.

MILK SUPPLY.

The Dairies and Milk Shops within the district are periodically inspected.

Eleven samples were obtained from persons selling milk within the district, and sent for Bacteriological examination.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938/1950.

Sixteen samples of milk were submitted to the County Analyst.

The following 155 samples were obtained in Litherland by the County Sanitary Officer during the year:—

Milk, 138; Coffee, 3; Lemon Curd, 1; Rice, 1; Barley, 1; Coffee and Chicory Essence liquid, sweetened 2; Fruit bottled in syrup, 2; Condensed Milk, full cream sweetened, 1; Fruit, canned, 2; Pork Sausages, 1; Ice lollies, 3.

All the above samples were certified by the County Analyst to be genuine, with the exception of the following:—

Sample 1 Informal Milk

Result of Analysis Freezing point indicated the Vendor cautioned, presence of 0.5% of extran- further sample eous water.

Action taken obtained.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The food exposed for sale or prepared in the district has been examined from time to time. The premises and shops have been kept in a cleanly state.

BAKEHOUSES.

There are five bakers and confectioners in the district; these are in a sanitary condition, clean and well kept; alterations and repairs have been carried out during the year.

Annual Return of Food Poisoning Notifications (Corrected).

- 1. Local Authority Litherland, Liverpool, 21, Lancs. Year 1953.
- 2. Food Poisoning Notifications (Corrected) Returned to R.G.
 1st Quarter 2nd Quarter 3rd Quarter 4th Quarter Total
 Nil ... Nil ... 1 ... Nil ... 1
- 3. Outbreaks Due to Identified Agents.

† Total Outbreaks 1

Total Cases 1

*Outbreaks due to:-

- (a) Chemical Poisons
- (d) C.1. botulinum
- (b) Salmonella Organisms (e) Other bacteria
- (c) Staphylococci (including toxin)
- 4. Outbreaks of Undiscovered Cause.

Total Outbreaks Nil

Total Cases Nil

5. † Single Cases.

Agent identified Staphylococci Pyogenes Food involved—Butter Beans.

Total 1

*Details of each outbreak to be given in Appendix D (II).

A small outbreak of Food Poisoning occurred in the Canteen of a Local Factory during August; five people were involved, one of whom resided in the district. The five people concerned were admitted to hospital and recovered within a few days. The source of the infection was "Butter Beans" which had been re-heated from the previous day.

6.—Prevalence of and Control over Infectious Disease.

Six hundred and sixty seven cases of infectious diseases were notified, and twenty were removed to Hospital (see Tables of Notifiable Diseases).

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION.

Immunization against Diphtheria is carried out by the County Council. Monthly immunization sessions are held at the County Clinic, Sefton Avenue, Litherland, on the first Tuesday in each month. 409 cases were completed during the year. Immunization is also carried out in the schools in the district regularly.

Immunization against Diphtheria commenced on 17th May, 1935; during this period 6,573 cases have been immunized in the district.

There were no cases of diphtheria notified during the year.

VACCINATION.

Vaccination is available at every session of the child welfare clinic at Sefton Avenue; this work is also carried out by the General Practitioners under the National Health Service. There were 300 Primary Vaccinations performed, 282 of which were successful; 35 re-vaccinations were performed all of which were successful.

SCARLET FEVER.

There were twenty-four cases of Scarlet Fever during the year, an increase of fifteen on last year; there were no deaths from this disease, which continues to be a mild disease.

MALARIA.

There were no cases notified during the year.

Typhoid Fever (Including Para-Typhoid).

There were no cases of Typhoid or Para-Typhoid during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS.

There were forty five new case of Respiratory Tuberculosis and two new cases of Non-Respiratory notified during the year, this shows an increase of two respiratory cases over last year. There were eight deaths from respiratory cases and no deaths from non-respiratory cases, showing a decrease of four respiratory deaths and one non-respiratory death. No action has been necessary in respect of Tuberculous employees in the Milk Trade or to Section 62 Public Health Act 1925, for removal to Hospital of infectious persons suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

MEASLES.

Measles show a increase during the year 444 cases being notified as against 175 in 1952; there were no deaths due to Measles, but it still continues to be one of the serious infectious diseases of childhood.

WHOOPING COUGH.

174 Cases were notified during the year, as against 17 in 1952. There was one death due to this disease, but it continues to be one of the serious infectious diseases of childhood.

SCABIES.

There were no cases dealt with during the year.

GENERAL.

There have been no reports made under Article 17(7) Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935, which refers to Plague, Cholera, Smallpox or any serious outbreak of disease in the district. It has not been necessary to close the schools during the year because of infectious disease.

DISINFECTION.

There were 36 houses disinfected during the year after Infectious Disease, and sickness including Tuberculosis. Several articles were disinfected at the Council's Disinfector (a Washington Lyons Type) situated in the Council's yard, Field Lane.

There is no arrangement for bathing verminous persons, etc. Disinfestation has been carried out at thirty houses.

Notifiable Diseases, 1953.

Number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified, number of deaths from these diseases, number of cases removed to Hospital, and deaths in Hospital during the year 1953:—

				· C	ASES	Not	IFIEI	ο,		1		HS.	Hos	SPITAL
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.	Total Cases					Yı	EARS.					DEATHS.	Total Cases	Deaths in Hospital
	at all Ages.	0	1	3	5	10	15	25	45	65 and over	ages not known	TOTAL	removed to Hospital.	of persons belonging to District
Smallpox	(a) Nil											(b)	(c)	(d)
Scarlet Fever	24			7	13	2	2						3	
Diphtheria, including Membranous Croup	Nil	1				• • •	• • •					•••	•••	• • •
Enteric or typhoid Fever, (excluding paratyphoid	Nil				•••							•••	•••	
Paratyphoid Fever	Nil			• • •		• • •		• • •				٠.	• • •	
Measles(excluding rubella)	444	20	108	123	184	5	1				3		2	
Whooping Cough	174	16	32	48	76	1	1	• • • •				• • •	1	1
Acute pneumonia primary and influenzal	5				1	• • •	1		1	2			2	
Puerperal Pyrexia	Nil													
Meningococcal Infection	1	•••			1			• • •				• • •	1	
Acute poliomyelitis, Paralytic Non-paralytic	Nil Ni l			• • •									•••	
Acute encephalitis, Infective Post infectious	Nil Nil					•••					• • •	•••	• • •	
Dysentery	16			6	7		2				1		8	• • •
Ophthalmia neonatorum	1			1						• • •			1	• • •
Erysipelas	1						1	• • •				• • •	1	
Malaria— Contracted in this C'try Abroad	Nil						• • •						•••	
Food Poisoning	1						1		• • •				1	* * *
Any other disease notifiable in district, e.g. — Chicken Pox	Nil							• • •	•••			•••	•••	
Any other disease (specify)	Nil			•••	• • •		• • •	• • •	* * *	• • •	• • •			•••
Totals	667	36	140	185	252	8	9	• • •	1	2	4		20	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

667 cases of Infectious Disease were notified during the year.

			1	Case	s Not	TIFIED			1	
	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944
Smallpox Scarlet Fever	Nil 24 Nil	Nil 9 Nil	Nil 19 Nil	Nil 37 Nil	28 1	47	38 16	23 9	67 26	47 12
Enteric or typhoid fever (excluding paratyphoid) Paratyphoid fever Measles (excluding rubella) Whooping cough Acute pneumonia (primary and	Nil Nil 444 174	Nil Nil 175 17	Nil 7 379 134	Nil Nil 421 140	210 98	254 10	1 174 91	 199 71	71 38	369 111
Acute pneumonia (primary and influenzal) Puerperal pyrexia Meningococcal infection Acute Poliomyelitis—	5 Nil	5 4 Nil	8 1 1	10 Nil	2	4 2 	2	7	16	30
Paralytic	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	3	2	• • •	2	* * *	• • •	• • •
Infective Post-infectious	Nil Nil 16 1	Nil Nil Nil 1 Nil	Nil Nil 3 Nil 2	Nil Nil Nil 1	 4 1 1	3 1	1	2 1 2	2 7	 1 1 8
Malaria— Contracted in England and Wales Abroad Food poisoning Any other diseases notifiable in district, e.g.—	Nil 1	Nil 1 1	Nil Nil		•••	1 	•••	1 		• • •
Chicken Pox Any other diseases (specify)*	Nil	Nil	Nil	•••	• • •	•••		1	•••	
*Cerebro-spinal fever Anthrax Gastro-enteritis	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil 	2 	3 2	1 2	•••	2	1
	667	213	554	612	349	329	332	316	229	581

Infectious Diseases.

			CA	ere Rr	MOVED	TO H	OSPITAI	·		
			(10 110)2511 WI			
	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944
Smallpox		•••	•••	Nil	Nil	• • • •	***	* * * *	***	
Scarlet Fever Diphtheria (including membranous	3	2	2	7	7	9	12	11	42	13
croup) Enteric or typhoid fever (excluding	• • •	• • •	• • •	***	1	2	20	16	36	17
paratyphoid)		• • •	* * *	Nil			•••	• • •	• • •	
Paratyphoid fever		• • •	7	• • •	• • •	5	$\frac{1}{4}$	17	1	1
Measles (excluding rubella)	2	•••	$\frac{1}{1}$	• • •	• • •	2	_	7 3	$\frac{1}{2}$	***
Whooping cough Acute pneumonia (primary and	1	• • •	1	• • •	•••	4	• • •	0	4	1
influenzal)	2	2	1	4	2	2	1	2		2
Puerperal pyrexia		$\overline{2}$	î			$\bar{1}$				***
Meningococcal infection—	1			1	1					
Acute poliomyelitis			1							
Paralytic				2	2		3			
Non-Paralytic										
Acute encephalitis—										
Infective		• • •	***		• • •	• • •	•••	• • •		• • •
Post-infectious		• • •				_		0		
Dysentry	8		• • •	•••	3	2	1	2	2	1
Ophthalmia neonatorum	1	1	* * *	• • •	1	***	•••	1 NT:1	•••	•••
Erysipelas	1	• • •	1	• • •	• • •	1	2	Nil	2	4
Malaria (Contracted in England and						1		1		
Wales) Abroad	• • • •	i	• • •		• • •	_	• • •	_	• • •	• • •
E 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1	1	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	Nil	* * *	• • •
Any other diseases notifiable in	1	1	• • •	•••	***	• • •		7411	***	• • •
district, e.g	***	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	1		• • •
Chicken Pox	• • •	• • •	• • •	***	• • •	* * *	•••	1	• • •	• • •
Any other diseases (specify)*						3	1		2	4
*Čerebro-spinal fever	•••			• • •	• • •	ĺ		• • •	_	1
Anthrax Gastro enteritis	***	• • •	• • •	* * *	• • •	2	2	* * *	***	• • •
Gastro enteritis	•••	•••	•••	• • •	•••			•••	• • •	• • •
	20	9	15	13	16	30	47	44	87	40

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1953 (Local Register).

				New	Cases	•		DEA	THS.	
AGI	E PERIO	DS.	Respin	atory.	No Respir		Respi	ratory.	No Respir	
			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Years	0 1 2 5 10 15 20 25 45 55		 1 3 3 7 6 2 6 3	 1 1 2 1 3 5	1 	1 	 1 2 2	2 1		
	75 and u	_	32	13	1	1	5	3		···
			4	5		2		8	Ni	1

Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality during 1953 (Local Register).

	New Cases.					DEATHS.			
Years	Respiratory.		Non- Respiratory.		Respiratory.		No Respin	on- catory.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
1953	32	13	1	1	5	3	• • •	•••	
1952	19	24	1	1	9	3	1	• • •	
1951	14	15		2	5	5		• • •	
1950	21	24	5	3	8	9			
1949	14	27	3	2	3	7			
1948	19	23	4	1	13	8	• • •		

There were no cases of non-notified Tuberculosis deaths.

There is no evidence of excessive incidence of, or mortality from Tuberculosis in any particular occupation in the district.

7.—Maternity and Child Welfare.

The whole of this work is carried out by the Lancashire County Council at Sefton Avenue, Litherland.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

This work is carried out by the Lancashire County Council; there were no cases notified during the year.

The Urban District Council of Litherland.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Sanitary Inspector. 1953.

September, 1954.

To THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Lady/Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report of the work executed during 1953, together with the —particulars of the nuisances abated, and improvements effected thereby. Difficulty in getting repairs completed owing to increased costs is still being experienced. The provision of ashbins is continually being disputed.

Animals in shops continue to be a source of nuisance, and whilst shop keepers have been supplied with notices requesting customers not to bring their dogs into food shops, this practice continues.

Dogs should not be allowed on the high way in built up areas unless under proper control by means of a lead etc.; they soil the footpaths and are a danger to life and limb for other road users.

INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT, NOTICES SERVED, Etc.

During the year 4.596 inspections and re-inspections were made in reference to complaints and housing.

It was necessary in numerous instances, however, to interview and write to the persons concerned, drawing their attention to notices which had not received prompt attention.

There were 1,836 Informal Notices and letters, etc., referring to nuisances and general dilapidations served, and in due course complied

No Abatement Notices were served during the year, the work having been complied with before the notice was due to be served.

SCHOOLS.—W.C. accommodation and water supply has been inspected during the year.

INSPECTION OF THE FOOD SUPPLY.—The food exposed for sale in the district has been inspected from time to time. Meat shops and food preparing places are inspected periodically.

Handling of unwrapped food is still prevalent despite advice and

propaganda.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES. There are no slaughter houses in the district.

LITHERLAND HYGIENIC FOOD GUILD.—The above Guild was formed in January, 1950.

Membership consists of Food Traders, Members of the Rate-payers' and Tenants' Association, Townswomen's Guild and Other Organisations in the district. Talks and Film Shows on Hygiene have been given during the year. A display set of twelve posters on "Food Poisoning" obtained from the Central Office of Information, London, have been pasted on to cardboard and have been distributed on loan for short periods to Food Manufacturers, Canteens, Schools, etc. Visits have been made to Food Factories, and Milk Depots, other posters received from the Ministry have been posted in Canteens and Food premises.

Plaques are provided for members whose shops comply with the "Codes of Practice" laid down by the Guild. Badges and brooches have been provided for the staffs of the shops which comply with the "Codes of Practice."

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS. Food condemned as unfit for human consumption:— 12 cwts. 0 qrs. 2 lbs.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.—Number of dairies on register, 1; number of shops other than dairies selling milk, 26; 28 visits were made during the year. On the whole, a fairly high standard of cleanliness is maintained.

Four supplementary licences were issued to retail:— "Tuberculin Tested" Milk.

Three licences were issued for "Pasteurized" Milk and three for "Sterilized" Milk.

There are no no cows kept in the district.

BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLES.

MILK SAMPLES—Eleven samples were submitted for examination. The Bateriologist report shows that all samples were satisfactory to the "Methylene Blue Test" the "Phosphatase Test" and to the Turbidity test.

ICE CREAM SAMPLES—Nine samples of ice cream were sent for "Bateriological Examination"; the report showed that all samples were satisfactory.

FOOD AND DRUGS SAMPLES—Sixteen samples of milk were taken under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938-1950; all samples were reported "Genuine," with the exception of the following:—

One Sample—Freezing point indicated the presence of 2.8% of extraneous water

One Sample—Freezing point indicated the presence of 2.1 % of extraneous water.

FISH FRYING SHOPS AND WET FISH SHOPS.—Thirty-five visits were paid to fish frying shops and wet fish shops, which were maintained in a generally satisfactory condition.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.—Visits have been made where black smoke and grit have been excessive; interviews between engineers and stokers have taken place and advice given. Complaints of obnoxious fumes from a factory received attention.

REFUSE COLLECTION.—This work is carried out under the supervision of the Sanitary Department; three gangs, with three vehicles are used.

The fleet comprises two Paxits and one Low Loader. Gullies are emptied by a mechanically operated gully-emptier, also by hand.

One hundred and eighty-seven new refuse bins were provided during the year.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.—Thirty houses were disinfested during the year by means of spraying with Zaldecide and D.D.T., and sulphur candles. Clothing and bedding were taken to the Council's steam Disinfector. The whole of this work is carried out by the Council's workmen.

One hundred and sixty-eight houses were disinfested for cockroaches, fleas, ants and earwigs. They were treated with Zaldecide and D.D.T. successfully. Snails in the back passages were treated with salt. Gammexane powder has also been used with good results.

Five dead dogs and seven dead cats were removed during the year.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.—

This work has been carried out in accordance with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries direction.

PROPERTIES INSPECTED	• • •	• • •		548
Local Authority	• • •	• • •	• • •	13
Private Dwellings	• • •	• • ·	• • •	402
Business Premises				133

INFESTED PROPERTIES	TREATE	ED	• • •	• • •	212
Local Authority	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	3
Private Dwellings		• • •		• • •	174
Business Premises		• • •	• • •	• • •	35

SEWERS.—Two sewer treatments, including test-baiting, were carried out during the year (i.e.) March and September, in accordance with the Ministry's instructions. An Inspector of the Ministry visited the district whilst treatment was in progress, and satisfied himself that the work was carried out as directed by the Ministry, thus enabling the Local Authority to receive assistance.

A summary of treatments, and destruction of rodents, is as follows:—

	Treat	ments.	Destruction (approx.)			
	Rats.	Mice.		Rats.	Mice.	
Private Dwellings	21	153	• • •	25	1,006	
Business Premises	7	28	• • •	101	356	
Council Property including						
Allotments & Building Sites	1	2	• • •	12	3	
Sewers	2		• • •	112		
			• • •			
Totals	31	183	• • •	250	1,365	
					-	

Council Property receiving treatment included the Town Hall, and the Salvage Depot. All infestations were of a minor degree.

WARFARIN.—Surface treatments with "Warfarin" have proved very satisfactory.

COUNCIL HOUSING ESTATES.—A survey and inspection of poultry runs on the Council Estates was carried out during the year, 23 Tenants were keeping Hens or Pigeons, no rodent infestations were found. A decrease of eleven in the number of poultry runs had been recorded.

		Private Owners	Business Premises
Infestations notified Infestations found on	120	99	21
inspection	78	63	15
Totals	198	162	36

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS.—There is no recognised camping site in the district, and no action was necessary during the year.

CARAVANS.—attached to Fair Grounds were supervised during their stay in the district; pail closets and refuse collection were

satisfactorily dealt with by the Local Authority.

SUPERVISION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—Forty-two visits were paid to houses where Infectious Diseases had occurred and the necessary enquiries made into each case, also a sanitary survey was made of the premises, notices served where necessary for various

defects, and work was carried out, and 14 re-visits were paid to ensure that the work was carried out. The schools have been thoroughly disinfected during the year. The head teachers have been notified regarding children attending the schools where infectious disease had occurred, also after disinfection.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1953 for the Urban District of Litherland in the County of Lancaster.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

	M/c	Number		Number of			
Premises (1)	line No. (2)	on Register (3)	Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)	M/c line No. (7)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	19	55	Nil	Nil	1	
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	60	150	Nil	Nil	2	
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority † (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	5	11	Nil	Nil	3	
TOTAL		84	216	Nil	Nil		

2.—Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases.")

	M/c		Numb in which de	Number of cases in	M/c		
Particulars	line No.	Found	Remedied	Refe To H.M. Inspector	rred By H.M. Inspector	which prosecutions were instituted	line No.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	4	5	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	4
Overcrowding (S.2)	5						5
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	6						6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	7	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	8	9	9	Nil	Nil	Nil	8
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) insufficient	9						9
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10	8	8	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
(c) Not separate for sexes	11	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	11
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	12	16	16	Nil	Nil	Nil	12
TOTAL	60	44	44	Nil	Nil	Nil	60

PART VIII OF THE ACT. OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111).

			Sec	Section 111					
Nature (of Work	line	workers in August list	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	prosecu- tions for	instances of work in	N'tices served	Prose- cutions	M/c line No.
((1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Wearing \(\) Making,	etc	13	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	13
	and washing	14							14
	TOTAL	70	2						70

SALVAGE.

WASTE FOOD.—During the year 5 tons 19 cwts. 3 qrs., of food was collected and disposed of to pig dealers.

SUMMARY OF WORK OF DEPARTMENT.

Number of inspections and re-inspections (complaints a	ınd	
housing)	• • • •	4596
Number of visits and re-visits to factories	• • •	216
Number of visits to bakehouses	• • •	13
Number of visits to dairies and milkshops, etc	• • •	28
Number of informal notices served and letters, etc	• • •	1836
Number of visits to offensive trades	• • •	7
Samples of milk submitted for bacteriological examination	• • •	11
Samples of ice cream submitted for bacteriological examinati	ion	60
Samples of milk taken under Food and Drugs Act	• • •	16
Cases of infectious disease visited and reported upon	• • •	42
Number of houses disinfected	• • •	36
Number of verminous houses disinfested for bugs	• • •	30
Number of verminous houses disinfested for other insects etc.	• • •	168
Number of visits to fish frying shops and wet fish shops	• • •	35
Number of visits to butchers' shops, food preparing places,	ice	
cream premises and food hawkers, etc	• • •	212
Number of visits to schools	• • •	31
Number of visits to Tents, Vans and Sheds	• • •	47
Number of visits to stable premises and garages	• • •	21
Rent Books inspected	• • •	46
Number of visits to Pet Shops	• • •	6

DETAILS OF SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS AND ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES.

Drains tested, repaired or renewed	• • •	0 • •	• • •	• • •	141
Defective w.c. cisterns, pans, traps	, water s	supply, et	c.	• • •	136
Staircases repaired	• • • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	14
Defective water supply to houses,	etc., ne	ew taps,	burst pi	pes,	0.0
etc	• • • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	99
Defective floors in dwelling houses	s, etc.	• • •	• • •	• • •	49
Offensive accumulations	• • • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	10
New ashbins provided	•••	• • •	• • •	• • •	187
Insanitary yard surfaces		• • •	• • •		25
Walls and chimneys pointed and r	epaired	• • •	• • •	• • •	157
Defective eaves, gutters, R.W. pip	es, etc.	• • •	• • •	• • •	114
New back boilers, storage cistern	s and c	ylinders	provide	d or	
repaired	••	• • •	• • •	• • •	22
Defective skirting boards repaired	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	2
Defective plasterwork and limewas	shing, etc	c	• • •	• • •	83
Repairs to window sashes and fra	ames, an	d lightin	g and v	ent-	
ilation improved	••	• • •	• • •	• • •	92
Leaky roofs (dwelling houses, etc)	• • • •	* * *	• • •	• • •	197
New doors and repairs to doors	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	79
Animals and Fowls kept to be a nu	uisance	• • •	• • •	• • •	5
Defective wash boilers and structu	ires	• • •	• • •	• • •	2
New sinks and other sanitary fitting	ngs	• • •	• • •	• • •	27
Defective fire ranges, jambs, and f	lues	• • •	• • •	• • •	31
Defective drainer boards	••	•••	• • •	• • •	3
FACTORIES ACT	, 1937 ar	nd 1948.			
Want of cleanliness					5
	• • • • •	• • •			g
Defective sanitary conveniences ar				• • •	8
Other defects (burst pipes, walls,			• • •	• • •	16
Inadequate ventilation	•	• • •	• • •	• • •	3
0		•••	• • •	• • •	3
Separation of Sexes	• • • • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	_

I am, Lady/Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. HARRISON,

Chief Sanitary Inspector





